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BRAYA HUMILIS

LOW BRAYA

Low Braya is a short-lived perennial with 1-several erect to prostrate stems, 3-20 cm long, that arise from a simple or branched rootcrown and taproot. The numerous basal leaves are lance-shaped and 1-3 cm long with entire or toothed margins. The widely spaced stem leaves are alternate and smaller. Foliage is sparsely to densely covered with simple and branched hairs. Flowers are borne on short stalks in terminal clusters that expand as the fruit matures. Each flower has 4 white petals that are 3-4 mm long, 4 sepals, 4 long stamens, and 2 short stamens. The erect or spreading linear fruits are 1-3 cm long. Flowering in late July.

BRAYA HUMILIS is most likely to be confused with species of *ARABIS*; however, the fruits of *B. HUMILIS* are round in cross-section and constricted between the seeds, while those of *ARABIS* usually are not.